Childminder report



Inspection date Previous inspection date	13 September 7 July 2016	2018	
The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder establishes positive relationships with children and gets to know their individual personalities well. Children have a good sense of belonging.
- The childminder has positive relationships with parents. For example, she provides them with verbal and written updates of children's progress and activities they take part in, to help support learning at home. The childminder ensures policies and procedures are up to date and shared with parents.
- The childminder uses her assessment and planning processes well. She helps children progress steadily from when they start, to achieve good outcomes in preparation for school.
- The childminder supports children's listening and speaking skills well. She reinforces the correct pronunciation of words in a positive way.
- The childminder reflects on her practice routinely to identify and address areas for further development to improve outcomes for children. She actively seeks the views of parents and children to help her reflect on her practice.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- make the most of all opportunities to extend and build on what children know and can do, to help them to make the best possible progress in their learning and development
- extend children's opportunities to learn more-complicated mathematical concepts as they play, to help them to develop even more skills to support their future learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector held a number of discussions with the childminder and spoke to children during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of persons living in the household.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through written feedback provided.

Inspector Jacqueline Coomer

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder knows what procedures she must follow to protect children and to promote their safety and welfare. She keeps her knowledge of wider aspects of safeguarding children updated through various research methods. Robust risk assessments of the home and garden help to contribute to children's safety. The childminder closely monitors children's individual progress. This helps her to highlight any gaps in their development promptly. She provides them with good support to help close gaps in their learning. The childminder recognises the benefits to children of working in partnership with other settings that children may attend, to help improve outcomes for children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are eager to play and explore, for example, with different-sized trains and cars on a track. The childminder interacts with children at their level and engages them in meaningful conversation. She also helps them to learn new words, such as 'broken' and 'derail', and children repeat the words to help develop their language skills. Children have good opportunities to develop their imaginations and they are confident to describe what is happening as they play. The childminder shows a genuine interest in what they have to say and willingly enters into their imaginary play. She encourages their problemsolving skills, for instance, as they lay out the train track in different ways. This also helps children to increase their physical dexterity through activities that interest them.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The experienced childminder is a good role model and has a patient and calm approach. Children's health is promoted well. They enjoy tasting different types of fruit and the childminder ensures they have access to drinking water. Children benefit from regular outings, such as to nursery, woodland walks and local attractions, to help them understand the wider world. The childminder actively encourages children to follow good hygiene practices, such as washing their hands at appropriate times. Furthermore, she encourages children to develop good self-care skills, such as using the bathroom independently. The childminder praises the children on their achievements.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress, given their starting points and capabilities. They are active learners and well motivated in their play. They use language effectively to share their ideas and understanding. Children name colours confidently as they choose toys with which to play. Children learn to be independent, for instance, putting on their own coat and shoes. They are prepared well for the next stage of their learning and for their eventual move on to school. Children are well behaved.

Setting details

Unique reference number	251922
Local authority	Wolverhampton
Inspection number	10066999
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	3 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	7 July 2016

The childminder registered in 1994. She operates all year round from 7am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for family holidays.

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